RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Book Acquisitions:

Architecture and Landscape of the Pennsylvania Germans, 1720-1920, edited by Sally McMurry and Nancy Van Dolsen. The chapters of the book were written by a number of contributors, including McMurry, Gabrielle Lanier, Philip E. Pendleton, J. Ritchie Garrison, Bernard Herman, Thomas Ryan, David Schuyler, Diane Wenger, and Jerry Clouse. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011. (Purchase)


Ko-Ka-Le-Ko (East Cocalico High School yearbook), 1953 and 1954. (Donation—Gladys Albright Horvath)

Custom-bound book, 54 p. plus additional pages of illustrations, devoted to author Wayne Lefevre's personal recollections of Hattie Klapp Brunner. She and he became acquainted in 1960, and he visited her until shortly before her death; he was initially a customer, and later a customer and close friend. This is one of four copies. (Donation—Wayne Lefevre)

Mentzer, John W. Cyrus Hoffman and Asenath Snider Mentzer: Their Ancestors and Descendants. Published by the author, 2011. (Donation—John W. Mentzer)

Seniorette (Ephrata High School yearbook), 1931. (Donation—Richard W. Mentzer)


Zimmerman, Grace A. Descendants, Family History and Memories: Reuben Sensenig Zimmerman and Maria Sensenich Wanner. Published by the author, 2005. (Donation—Grace A. Zimmerman)

Photograph Acquisitions:

Mounted photograph of A.E. Lane's six-mule team and a crew of men grading the bed of the trolley line between Adamstown and Reading, ca. late autumn, 1903 or early spring, 2004. (Donation—Milton Haldeman)

Mohn Bros. Garage, Akron, ca. 1920's. (Digital image; lent for scanning by Nevin Myer)

Jacob H. Black's tailor shop and residence, 37-39 South 9th Street, Akron, ca. 1910; two couples identified as Jacob and Ida Black and neighbors Daniel and Barbara Johns stand on the walk outside. Grace United Evangelical Church (today's Bible Baptist Church) is also visible. (Digital image; lent for scanning by Nevin Myer)
15 digital images (many very similar to one another) showing the demolition of the former Bergstrasse Elementary School, Ephrata Township, July, 2011. (Donation—The Ephrata Review)

Mounted cabinet-card-type photograph of Ephrata barber George J. Harris (1816-1904) in a light open horse-drawn buggy in a rural setting, ca. 1895-1900. (Donation—Clarke Hess)

Real-photo postcard of a haltered horse outside the Abram E. and Alice (Wissler) Lane house, Clay, ca. 1910. (Donation—Eric C. Miller)

3 1/2" x 5 3/4" photograph of Ward Bottle Gas, Ephrata, with two trucks, ca. late 1950's. (Donation—Eric C. Miller)

4” x 5 1/8” photograph of people setting up a barbeque at an unidentified location, ca. 1960; a posted sign reads "Plenty of hot water / with GAS / donated by / Ward Bottle Gas / Ephrata, Pa.” (Donation—Eric C. Miller)

8” x 10” photograph of the Huber Nash dealership at 227 North State Street, Ephrata, ca. 1950's or 1960. (Donation/Exchange—Eric C. Miller and Robert Dickersheid)

Rolled, elongated photograph of the contestants in the 1955 Miss America pageant at Atlantic City, September, 1954, with reigning Miss America Evelyn Ay, of Ephrata. (Donation—Virginia Botchoff)

5” x 7” black-and-white photograph of Evette Vogel, Violet McCauley, Jean Dickersheid, Shirley Weaver, and Barbara Herman in a stack room in the Ephrata Public Library when the library was located in the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley's Moore Connell Mansion, 1966. The women were planning a benefit dance for the Ephrata Jayne-Cees. (Donation—Violet McCauley)

Snapshot of Salinda (Lutz) Grant, wife of Clayton K. Grant, Reamstown, 1954. (Donation—Gladys Horvath)

Set of 22 4” x 5 ½” color photographs of a log home on Willow Street, Adamstown, with the siding partially removed to show the underlying structure; taken by Ken McCrea, July, 2011. (Donation—Jill C. Pratt)

6 3/4” x 9” photograph, in a grained frame, of the members of the Ukulele Club at the Washington Avenue School, Ephrata, ca. 1924-1925. Several of the students have been identified; a name listing accompanies the print. The group includes principal B.F. Winkelblech and assistant Harold D. Fries. (Donation—Esther Becker Williamson)

The following photographs were purchased at Horst Auction Center on July 27:

Photographs from the Abram E. (1864-1920) and Alice (Wissler) Lane family, of Clay, as listed below; most if not all descended through Abram W. and Clytemnestra (Krall) Lane to their daughters, Ellen and Clare, and were auctioned for the survivor, Clare.

Unmounted photograph of the Lane store at Clay, the A.E. Lane house (formerly the Hiram Erb and Hiram Erb, Jr. house), and the house adjoining the Lane home to the west, then occupied by the Adam Mellinger family.
Mounted photo of Walter Lane, Charlie Lane and ___ Trego as young men, ca. 1915.
Mounted photo of Abram, Elmer, Walter, Ed and Charlie Lane and ___ Trego with hunting dogs and rifles, ca. 1915.

Small mounted photograph of Dr. Cameron E. Lane, Abram E. Lane, H___ Habecker, John W. Lane, and Abram W. Lane with hunting rifles, ca. 1905.

Unmounted photo of A.E. Lane in an open buggy, ca. 1910; there are two unidentified subjects.

Two slightly different mounted photographs of Levi Zeller(s) driving one of A.E. Lane's teams of horses "in front of the Eberly home," ca. 1905; the location of the Eberly home is yet to be determined.

Mounted photograph of A.E. Lane's black gelding "Billy" standing next to a sandstone trough, presumably on the Lane farm, May, 1908.

Mounted photograph of the home of John B. and Sabina Wissler, 538 West James Street, Lancaster, December 1905.

Mounted photograph of a group of schoolchildren, the location unidentified, ca. 1909; one subject is identified as Abram W. Lane.

Mounted photograph of "the Wissler relatives in Canada"; subjects include John Wissler of Warwick Twp., father of Alice (Wissler) Lane.
Mounted photograph of "relatives of the Wissler family in Canada"; ca. 1880's; none of the subjects is identified.

Cabinet card portrait of Alice O. (Wissler) Lane (1862-1921), ca. 1885.

P.B. Koser (White Oak) cabinet card portrait of John W. Lane as an infant; John was a son of Abram E. and Alice (Wissler) Lane.

P.B. Koser cabinet card portrait of Abram W. Lane as a small boy, ca. 1900; Abram was a son of Abram E. and Alice (Wissler) Lane. There are two additional mounted copies of the same portrait.

"F. Gudekunst" (Philadelphia) portrait of Dr. Cameron E. Lane (1874-1964) as a young man; the subject was a son of Andrew L. and Barbara Lane of near Oregon and a brother of Abram E. Lane. He later practiced dentistry in Lititz.

Mounted Titus Studio photograph of a group of ten young people, including Alice O. Wissler Lane and "Johnnie" Weidman.

Small mounted photograph, ca. 1905: "The Middle creek running through Grandpa (A.E.) Lane's meadow." Small mounted photograph: "The meadow." Small mounted photograph of horses in a paddock. Small mounted photograph of horses grazing on the banks of Middle Creek; the Clay Mill can be seen in the distance.

Small mounted photograph of A.E. Lane's barn, ca. 1905-10: "One of the largest barns in Lancaster County - built by Grandpa Lane."
Five small mounted photographs of A.E. Lane's tobacco fields, ca. 1905-10.

Small mounted photograph of Clytemnestra ("Clytie") Krall Lane, "Aunt Bella" and "Uncle Elmer" Lane, Helen Lane, and Barbara Lane at Elmer Lane's farm at Bowmansville, ca. 1918-1920. Small mounted photograph taken on the same day as the foregoing: Abram W. and Ed Lane with rifles and rabbits; Barbara Lane. Third photograph taken on the same day: Helen, Barbara, Clytie, and "Ed Lane's wife."

Small mounted photograph of an unidentified man holding two mules in harness, ca. 1905-1910.

Small mounted photograph (2 c.) of A.E. Lane with children Alice and Abram W. and pet dog "Jiffy," ca. 1897.

Large mounted photograph of A.E. and Alice (Wissler) Lane with their children Alice and Abram W. and a pet dog, ca. 1896; the subjects are grouped in a meadow.

Small mounted photograph of four men with hunting rifles, ca. 1905; a portion of the A.E. Lane store (and the Clay post office) can be seen to the rear.

A.M. Lease (Lancaster) cabinet card of a dog wearing a collar and large bow; labeled "Rastus B.P.O.E. Jones."

Unmounted photograph of a spaniel in a wicker basket: "Jaqueline - in the box - instead of Jack-

Two small mounted photographs of ___ Zeller(s) with A.E. Lane's horses, ca. 1905-10.

Four small mounted photographs of A.E. Lane's horses, ca. 1905-1910.

Small mounted photograph of Abram W. and John W. Lane, as young children, mounted on a horse and mule, ca. 1905-1907.

Small mounted photograph of Adam Mellinger's blacksmith shop, Rt. 322, Clay, c. 1907; subjects include Mellinger, Abram W. Lane, and an unidentified man.

Jacob Huber with his father-in-law, John Wissler, at an undetermined location, ca. 1910; the older man is seated in a wicker wheelchair.

Saylor (Lancaster) wedding portrait, Sabina Wissler and Jacob Huber.

Titus (Ephrata) portrait of Anna and Harry Wealand, Clay, Pa.

Rote Studio (Lancaster) portrait of Henry E. Lane, brother of Abram E. Lane.

Real-photo postcard portrait of Abram W. Lane, Kansas City, Mo., ca. 1918-1920.

Reidenbach (Lititz) cabinet card portrait of Cora and Milton Romig as young children.

Three mounted studio portraits of Sabina (Wissler) Huber, sister of Alice (Wissler) Lane.

Lease (Lancaster) portrait of John Wissler, father of Alice and Sabina Wissler.
Kuebler Studio (Philadelphia) cabinet card portrait; the subject is thought to be A.E. Lane.

Small mounted photograph of Clytie (Krall) Lane "in her wedding costume," 1914; matching small mounted photograph of her husband Abram W. Lane.

Small mounted photograph of Clytie Lane seated in a rocker in the Schaefferstown Bank, ca. 1915-20.

Claude Minehart (Pittsburgh) portrait: "Calvin Groh and his bride, Miss Hartman."

Lebanon studio portrait, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Groh and child.

Titus (Ephrata) portrait of A.E. Lane, ca. 1910.

Small mounted portraits (2) of two young women; subjects are not identified but may be Alice and Sabina Wissler.

The following real-photo postcards, purchased at the Horst Auction Center July 27, were lent for scanning by Bob Dickersheid:

A.E. Lane "Grandpa Lane") driving a team of horses, probably Clay, ca. 1910; the horses are halted.
A.E. Lane "Grandpa Lane") driving a team of horses, probably Clay, ca. 1910; the horses are in motion.

The following photographs, purchased at the Horst Auction Center July 27, were lent for copying by Milton Haldeman:

Overview of the Andrew (1840-1911) and Barbara B. Lane farm near Oregon, ca. 1905.

Grant Steinmetz, of Clay, in an open horse-drawn vehicle in a rural setting, ca. 1910.

The following photographs were donated by Carrie Wissler-Thomas:

Mounted Ernst Studio photograph of an Upper Leacock Township High School graduating class with teacher-principal Samuel Yount Wissler, ca. 1907.

Mounted interior view of an Upper Leacock Township High School classroom with teacher-principal Samuel Yount Wissler, ca. 1907.

Mounted photograph of Upper Leacock Township High School students with teacher-principal Samuel Yount Wissler, ca. 1908.

Mounted photograph of Upper Leacock Township High School students with teacher-principal Samuel Yount Wissler, 1909.

Mounted photograph of the Adamstown School and student body, ca. 1915.

Mounted outdoor portrait of Jacob H. and Ella (Royer) Wissler of Clay Twp., autumn, 1918.
Mounted Stoner Studio photograph of Washington Avenue School first-grade students with teacher "Miss Seldomridge," 1921; students are partially identified.

Mounted photograph of Washington Avenue School fourth-grade students with teacher Mamie Reddig, 1923; students are partially identified.

Mounted Miller Studio photograph of Washington Avenue School students with teacher Lillian Enck, 1925; students are partially identified.

Four mounted 8" x 10" photographs of tobacco harvesting, presumably on the Reamstown farm of Emile D. and Rachel Brossman Uibel, 1920. Subjects include Emile Uibel (b. 1858), his sons Fred and Edmond Uibel, and his son-in-law Samuel Yount Wissler.

The following photographs were purchased at Horst Auction Center, 8/17:

Cabinet card portrait of Levi Sherb/Sharp of Hopeland and his daughter Amanda Dohner, ca. 1895; Amanda later married Ezra Barry or Borry. Levi was the son of Jacob Sharp.

Cabinet card portrait of Rebecca Enck, possibly the wife of Hiram Enck of Hopeland, ca. 1890.

Cabinet card portrait of Rebecca Enck and Ann Shoemaker.

Cabinet card portrait of Elsie and Goldie Hehnly as children, ca. 1897; they were the daughters of Reuben and Stella Hehnly of Elizabeth Twp.

Cabinet card portrait of Levi and Laura Wealand of Clay Twp., ca. 1896.

Portrait of Elmer E. and Alice H. Weitzel of Clay Twp., ca. 1907.

Cabinet card portrait of Stella Hehnly of Clay Twp., wife of Reuben Hehnly, ca. 1888-1890.

Cabinet card portrait of Alice Enck (Alice Enck Hummer), ca. 1888; the subject is thought to have been a daughter of Hiram and Rebecca Enck.

Harrisburg studio portrait of Themore J. Elliott as a small child, ca. 1926; it is thought that he and/or his family later moved to Iowa.

Reading cabinet card portrait of Maggie Wolf, presumably of the Clay Twp. area, ca. 1880's.

Mounted studio portrait of George Enck of Clay Twp., ca. 1900.

Cabinet card portrait of Salinda Gemmi, wife of Frank Gemmi of Lebanon City, ca. 1885.

Mounted studio portrait of Sue Brubaker, not otherwise identified, ca. 1910.

Lebanon cabinet card portrait of "Mrs. Bollinger," not otherwise identified, ca. 1880's.

Mounted Lititz cabinet card of six women and a man holding a boy on his lap, ca. 1890; the reverse is inscribed "Clayton Miller / Mrs. Henry Shoemaker Sunday school class." It is thought that Mrs. Shoemaker was Lydia Shoemaker, of near Hopeland.
Mounted studio portrait of Samuel Borry of Hopeland, ca. 1905.

Mounted studio portrait of four young children, ca. 1920; the mount is inscribed "Sam Borry Family." The children are thought to be Thelma, Russell, Margaret and Leon Borry, children of Samuel and Edna (Hunter) Borry.

Mounted studio portrait of Russell Borry as a baby, ca. 1911-1912; he was a grandson of Adam and Harriet (Wolf) Borry and a son of Samuel and Edna Borry.

Mounted studio portrait of a young couple, ca. 1910; the mount is inscribed "Sam Borry and his first wife."

Mounted studio portrait of a young woman, ca. 1925; the mount is inscribed "Leotie Borry."

Mounted studio portrait of three women and a young girl, ca. 1910; inscribed on the reverse of the mount "Elsie Bensing / Rebecca Enck / Stella Haenly [Hehnly]."

Mounted photograph of an elderly couple and a young couple with a small girl standing outside a frame house, ca. 1900; the mount is inscribed "Mammy & Pappy Shoemaker."

Mounted studio portrait of a small boy, ca. 1925; inscribed "Bobbie shoemaker."

Mounted Lebanon studio portrait of a young man, ca. 1940; inscribed "Donald Shoemaker."

Matching pair of mounted portraits, apparently of a man and wife, ca. 1905; the man's portrait is inscribed "George Enck."

**The following photographs were lent for copying by Nevin Myer:**

Akron Church of the Brethren, May 16, 1957.
Akron School Band, ca. 1950's.
Newly-developed Akron neighborhood, April 9, 1939
House at 402 South 9th Street, Akron, prior to the building of the Akron Restaurant.

Real-photo postcard, unmailed, J.H. Black Tailor Shop, South 9th Street, Akron.
Real-photo postcard, unmailed, parsonage of the Brownstown Evangelical Circuit, Broad Street, Akron.

**The following photographs were donated by Joan M. Lynch:**

Simenhoff Studio (Lancaster) mounted portrait of Miriam Blanche and John Bear Weidman as small children, ca. 1899; the subjects were the daughter and son of Martin Ward and Minora (Bear) Weidman of Weidmanville.

Saylor (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Martin Ward Weidman, ca. 1890-1892.

J.G. Mohn (Lancaster) cabinet card portrait of Minora Landes Bear Weidman, ca. 1890-1892.

Mounted Titus Studio (Ephrata) portrait of Martin Ward and Minora Bear Weidman and their children John Bear, Miriam and Willard, ca. 1905.
Copy photo of a portrait of Minora Landes (Bear) Weidman, ca. 1892.

**The following photographic copies were donated by Dolores H. Leed:**

Plain-paper copy of a photograph of the pool hall at the intersection of Main and Third Streets, Denver, ca. 1910.

Plain-paper copy of a photograph of Daniel's Diner, Walnut and Second Streets, Denver.

Two plain-paper copies, differing photographic views of the East Denver School.

Plain-paper copy, photograph of the Denver train station.

8” x 10” copy photo of the Denver National Bank, the Marburger's Store building and the Wolf Building, Denver.

**The following photographs were donated by Richard W. Mentzer:**

Real-photo postcard of Kinport's Cigar Factory at Hopeland, ca. 1915.

Mounted photograph of Isaac G. and Annie Mentzer of Ephrata and their son Clyde, ca. 1914-1915.

Mounted Fritz Studio (Hamburg, Pa.) photograph of Isaac G. Mentzer, a son of Allen W. and Fianna (Gibble) Mentzer, ca. 1930.

Mounted photograph of the Ephrata Borough Junior High School girls' basketball team outside the Washington Avenue School, 1927; one student, Betty Keller, is identified.

Mounted photograph of the Ephrata High School debate team, 1928-1929; one student, Clyde Mentzer, is identified.

Mounted photograph of the Ephrata High School basketball team with manager Clyde Mentzer, 1928-1929.

**The following photographs were donated by Gary T. Hawbaker:**

Set of nine color 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" photographs taken by Clyde L. Groff at the Upper Milford Mennonite Cemetery, Zionsville, Pa., on the day of the interment there of Dr. Paul S. Schantz, February 9, 1980. The photos are of the stones of Schantz and Shelly family members.

Set of six color 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" photographs documenting the interment of Dr. Paul Schantz at the Upper Milford Mennonite Cemetery, Zionsville, February 9, 1980.

Set of 18 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" color photographs taken at an open house held at the Ephrata Mountain Springs Hotel, August 18, 1979. The photographs are primarily of guests (Clarence Spohn, Mary and Deborah Schantz, Carol Pyle, Ruth Groff, John Kraft, John Aungst, etc.); there are a few of the building, its furnishings, and the associates of the Temple of Truth, including Ann Riley and chef John Quinn.
Set of five color 3 1/2” x 4 1/2” photographs of Paul and Mary Schantz, Deborah Schantz, and Clarence Spohn at the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution George Washington's Birthday Celebration held at the Union League headquarters, Philadelphia, February, 1978.

Three color 3 1/2” x 4 1/2” photographs taken at the Paul and Mary Schantz farm, ca. late 1970's; photograph of Mary Schantz at the farm.

Two color 3 1/2” x 4 1/2” photographs of Harold Althouse, two unidentified men, Paul S. Schantz and Clyde L. Groff, ca. late 1970's; photograph (taken the same day) of an unidentified man, Paul Schantz, and John Aungst.

Set of 10 color photographs of persons at the Connell Mansion, ca. 1970's, some taken during the Ephrata Farm Show: Ruth (Mrs. Clyde) Groff, Mattie Tharp, David Hornberger, Clarence Spohn.

The following photographs were donated by Gladys Albright Horvath:

Snapshot of Salinda (Lutz) Grant, wife of Clayton K. Grant, Reamstown, 1954.


Live nativity with young children, Salem Lutheran Church(?), Reamstown, 1954.

3 1/2” x 6” photograph of the king and queen's court and attendants at the East Cocalico H.S. prom, 1954.

Five 3 1/2” x 3 1/2” photographs taken at the East Cocalico H.S. prom, 1955.

Two 5” x 7” photographs (king and queen with attendants; dancers) taken at the Cocalico Union High School prom, 1956.

Two snapshots of Stella (Mrs. William) Getz with pet dogs, Reamstown, 1956; taken by Gladys Albright.


Snapshot of Sallie and Naomi Albright and others at the Salem Lutheran Church Sunday school picnic, Reamstown, 1956; taken by Rev. John Albright. Snapshot of children's games at the picnic, also taken by Rev. Albright.


Two snapshots of the members of the "Kingdom Builders" Sunday school class, Salem Lutheran Church, Reamstown, 1949. Taken by Rev. John Albright.


Snapshot, family of Dr. Russell and Mary (Knerr) Derr, Adamstown, 1954.

Snapshot of Sam Leisey, Reamstown, 1954.

**The following real-photo postcards were lent for copying by Larry Styer:**

View of the Ephrata swimming pool; undated, but taken when the pool was recently completed.

"Trick" photo of Ephrata postmaster Fred W. Smith in a glider, positioned over a beach landscape.

Main Street, Lincoln, looking west, ca. 1910. There is a six-mule team hauling logs on the street; the Lincoln House can be seen to the rear.

Clay Store, then owned by Abram E. Lane, Main Street (Rt. 322), Clay, ca. 1910.

Two Ephrata Borough electricians atop a telephone pole at the N. State Street-Locust Street intersection, ca. 1915-1920.

Unidentified building at Denver, with Howard Musser and two unidentified men, ca. 1910-1915.


**The following photographs were lent for copying by Robert Dickersheid:**

8” x 10“ photograph of the "Bunker Hill" service station, Main Street (North Reamstown Road), Reamstown, ca. 1930's. The station was operated by Monroe Leisey and his son, Wellington.

S.K. Fraser photograph of the Hauenstein Cigar Factory, West Main and Market Streets, Lincoln, ca. 1910.

Two views (one S.K. Fraser) of the Harvey Baringer house at the intersection of West Main and Church Streets, Lincoln, ca. 1910.

Photograph of the sanctuary of Salem Lutheran Church, Lincoln, ca. 1910.


Two views (S.K. Fraser) of a wrecked automobile in front of the Solomon Eberly house (formerly the property of Samuel Nissley), Rt. 322 at the Wood Corner Road intersection west of Lincoln, 1915.

8” x 10“ photograph of Evelyn Ay and her car and police escort in the parade held to welcome her home to Ephrata from Atlantic City, autumn of 1953.

8” x 10“ photograph of the sanctuary of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church, Ephrata, when it was newly-completed and not yet fully furnished, probably 1940.
8” x 10” photograph of the Ephrata National Bank, ca. late 1930's.

8” x 10” photograph of a farm equipment display at the Ephrata Farm Show, set up in the former borough garage.

8” x 10” photographs (2) of the Lincoln Elementary School when newly-constructed, some years prior to the addition of the 1965 wing which doubled its size.

8” x 10” photograph of the Ephrata Community Hall and firehouse, Locust Street, ca. 1930's; with separate floor plan.

8” x 10” photograph of the Westerhoff Silk Mill at the intersection of the tracks of the Reading Railroad, North State, and West Locust Streets, Ephrata, ca. 1930's.

8” x 10” photograph of the Akron Fire Hall, South 10th Street, ca. 1930's; the United Zion Church can be partially seen to the south.

The following photographs were lent for copying by Gwen Gaenzle:


New York Gallery cabinet card portrait of Lizzie and Steve Bucher, children of Henry Hacker Bucher and Ellen Elizabeth (Steffy) Bucher, ca. 1897-1898.

New York Gallery cabinet card portrait, ca. early 1870's, of a young boy, one of the sons of Henry Hacker Bucher and Ellen Elizabeth Bucher of Denver.

Strunk Studio cabinet card portrait of Lizzie Bucher (Lizzie Bucher Reeser), daughter of Henry and Ellen Elizabeth Bucher, ca. 1906.

New York Gallery cabinet card portrait of Ellen Elizabeth (Steffy) Bucher, ca. 1888-1890.

Real-photo postcard of Ellen Elizabeth (Steffy) Bucher and an unidentified woman in a wicker cart, Atlantic City, ca. 1915.


Mounted Strunk Studio portrait of Margaret Reeser, a daughter of Lizzie Steffy (Bucher) and Milton Reeser, ca. 1911.


Portrait of Henry Hacker Bucher, ca. 1940's, superimposed over a photograph of the Bucher home in Denver.

Photo of a group of 11 men at the Denver Railroad Station, ca. 1890's; subjects include Henry Hacker Bucher.
Snapshot of Henry Hacker Bucher and his children Lizzie Reeser, Steve, Harvey, Cloyd, and Harry, ca. 1950.

John D. Strunk carte-de-visite portrait of Lizzie (Grimes) Reeser, ca. mid-1880's. The subject married Augustus M. Reeser, who died in 1890, and later Joseph Pennebecker.

Strunk Studio cabinet card portrait of Augustus M. and Lizzie (Grimes) Reeser and their sons Milton and Henry, ca. late 1880's.

**Manuscript Acquisitions:**

Letter to Clyde L. Groff of Lancaster from Mary Schantz, Ephrata, March 10, 1980; thanks the recipient for his condolences upon the death of Dr. Paul S. Schantz, etc.  (Donation—Gary T. Hawbaker)

Typed note to Mary Schantz from Clyde L. Groff, March 29, 1980.  (Donation—Gary T. Hawbaker)

Typed letter to John C. Schantz from Clyde L. Groff; written following the death and funeral of the recipient's father Dr. Paul Schantz.  (Donation—Gary T. Hawbaker)

"Ephrata Bretzel Company" receipt on a printed billing form, December 1, 1909; the receipt features a photograph of a pretzel machine and three apron-clad men, one of them probably proprietor Samuel B. Showers.  (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

**The following manuscripts were purchased at Horst Auction Center:**

Small colored land draft prepared for the school directors of East Cocalico Twp. by Jacob Bentz, July 22, 1851.

Richard Ream draft for 23 acres, 32 perches in Cocalico Twp.; surveyed for Peter Wise, February 1816.

Docket book kept by Samuel Nissley, a justice of the peace for Elizabeth/Clay Township. Nissley's entries date from 1850 through 1877, skip to 1880 and continue sporadically through the 1880's and early 1890's.  There follow entries dated 1907 through 1919 and entered by other justices, including Harry Wealand.

Summons book, Elizabeth/Clay Township, with civil suit entries dated 1850 through 1879. These are followed by others dated 1913 through 1919 and then by sporadic additional entries through 1932.  These cases involve debt, theft and misdirected property.

Three ledgers from the A.E./A.W. Lane general store at Clay.  The first contains entries dating from 1911 through approximately 1918, the second from 1918 through approximately 1921 (this one is partially empty), and the third from 1921 through approximately 1926.  (A.E. Lane died in November of 1920.)  These are very meticulously-kept ledgers which list every item purchased on credit by every customer.

**The following manuscripts were donated by Eugene Engle:**
Two ruled notebooks with identical contents; each contains the same list of registered voters, Clay Township, primary election, September, 1933.

Two ruled notebooks with identical contents; each contains the same list of registered voters, Clay Township, general election, November, 1934.

Ruled notebook containing a list of registered voters, Clay Twp., primary election, September, 1935.

Poll book, 1930's, exact date unspecified; lists voters with Lititz, Hopeland, Ephrata, Stevens, Denver, and Clay addresses.

Two penciled, undated lists of 165 Clay Township voters and a synopsis of election returns, with identical entries; penciled, undated list of 279 Clay Township voters.

The following manuscripts were donated by James Gudikunst:

Deed (paper, printed form) between Michael and Magdalena Reitter/Reiter and Peter Gerber, all of Cocalico Twp., for 120 acres in Cocalico Twp., April 10, 1786.

Patent, Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania to Peter Gerber, 61 acres in Cocalico Twp. ("Gerberania," previously warranted to Michael Reider/Reiter), May 1, 1788.

Deed (parchment, printed form) between Peter and Catharine Gerber and Abraham Bear, all of Cocalico Twp., for 61 acres (same as above) in Cocalico Twp., January 15, 1791.

Release (parchment): Martin and Elizabeth (Reitter) Hoe, George and Magdalena (Reitter) Hoe, Michael and Mary (Reitter) Stephan, Jacob Houshalter "in right of" Margaret (Reitter) Houshalter, and Adam Nees, guardian of Barbara Reitter, to Michael Reitter, 1770. Elizabeth, Magdalena, Mary, Margaret, Barbara, and Michael were the children of Jacob Reitter of Cocalico Twp.

Deed (parchment, printed form) between Abraham Roland and Abraham Bear, both of Cocalico Twp., for 14+ acres in Cocalico Twp., April 2, 1822. (Recorded, Lancaster County Deed Book E, Vol. 5, p. 362.)


Deed (parchment) between Michael Bear, Jr. and Magdalena Bear and Jacob Keller, all of Cocalico Twp., for a grist mill and seven acres in Cocalico Twp., June 29, 1784. The tract was a portion of the original Michael Bear (Sr.) patent. (Recorded in Lancaster County Deed Book AA, p. 70.)

Deed (parchment) between Jacob and Barbara Keller and Samuel Keller, all of Cocalico Twp, for a grist mill and seven acres in Cocalico Twp. (same as above), September 28, 1789. Unrecorded.
Deed (parchment) between Samuel and Mary Keller and John Keller, all of Cocalico Twp., for a grist mill and seven acres in Cocalico Twp. (same as above), January 30, 1792. Unrecorded.

Deed (parchment) between John and Mary Keller and Abraham Bear, all of Cocalico Twp., for a grist mill and seven acres in Cocalico Twp. (same as above), April 8, 1797. Unrecorded.

Deed between James Ross, High Sheriff of Lancaster County, and Abraham Landis and Daniel Bowman (creditors) for a tract of 40 acres in Cocalico Twp., the property of Michael Bear, February 5, 1791.

Deed (parchment) between Abraham Landis, Daniel Bowman, and Susanna Bowman, of the first part, and Abraham Bear of Cocalico Twp., of the second part, for 40 acres in Cocalico Twp. (same as above), April 2, 1791. Unrecorded.

Deed (parchment) between Benedict Boughter (Bucher)and Abraham Brubaker, the executors of Michael Bear, and Abraham Bear/Bair, son of Michael Bear, for 127 1/2 acres in Cocalico Twp., June 1, 1770. (Recorded in Lancaster County Deed Book P, p. 126.)

Release: Samuel Hershberger, guardian of Nancy Eberly; John Wenger, guardian of Catharine Eberly; and Adam Ream, guardian of David Eberly, to Abraham Bear, Jacob Hagy, and Joseph Eberly, administrators of David Eberly, April 2, 1827.


Bond between Henry Bear and Jacob Bauman/Bowman, both of Cocalico Twp., for 40 pounds due April 1, 1819.

Deed between Anna S. and Elias R. Brown of West Cocalico Twp. and Eliza Bare of East Cocalico Twp. for a house and two tracts of land in East Cocalico Twp., April 3, 1877. Unrecorded.

Photocopied marriage certificate of Elias Riemensnyder Brown of West Earl Twp. and Anna S. Bare of East Cocalico Twp., November 8, 1870.

Artifact Acquisitions:

Grouping of small wooden hatchets, forks, and a few other wooden objects carved for Minnie, Lottie, Edward and Jennie Leber, children of Jacob and Isabella (Wilson) Leber of Ephrata, by their grandfather John Wright Leber. The children were born between 1875 and 1885; John Leber died in 1900. There are a total of 20 items: 4 small dyed "Easter eggs" (blue, green, violet, cerise); 2 small forks; 1 "butter knife"; 1 tomahawk, 13 1/2" long; one unidentified object resembling a stylized parrot; 1 sword; 1 flat human figure with penciled features; and 9 hatchets varying in size from approximately 13 3/4" long to 5" long. Pencil inscriptions on each identify the child for whom it was made. (Donation—Dale E. Leber)

Printed register, with elaborate border illustrations, of the members of Company C, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, organized at Harrisburg September 27, 1862. The enlisted men were
nearly all from the Cocalico Valley area; a few were from elsewhere in Lancaster County. In a simple, pegged wooden frame without embellishment. 20 5/8" x 26 1/2" overall. (Donation—Dean Lutz)

Wooden ballot box, with sliding lid, used in the elections of Clay Township; contains a penciled, undated list of 149 voters, an affirmation signed by Republican primary election inspectors Allen Goshert and T.J. Haldeman, October 14, 1911, two tally sheets (identical entries) with the results of the Republican primary election held October 14, 1911, and a quantity of marked ballots for the same election. (Donation—Eugene Engle)

Wooden ballot box, with sliding lid, used in the elections of Clay Township; contains a penciled, undated list of 279 voters, a penciled, undated list of 325 voters, a tally sheet with the results of a Republican primary election held January 17, 1903, and loosely bundled marked ballots for the same election. (Donation—Eugene Engle)

Wooden ballot box, missing lid, containing two copies of a tally sheet (Clay Twp.) for a Republican primary election held January 13, 1894, and the marked ballots for the election; two copies of a tally sheet (Clay Twp.) for a Republican primary election held January 23, 1894, and the marked ballots for the election; a tally sheet and a return (Clay Twp.) for a Republican primary election held March 14, 1903, and the marked ballots for the election. (Donation—Eugene Engle)

Miniature or child's chair with a plank seat stenciled in gold with the advertising of Ephrata furniture dealer Levi Youndt Eitnier (d. 1955): "L.Y. Eitnier / Furniture / Ephrata." The chair has turned legs, two with ring moldings, a box stretcher with ring moldings on the front rung, six ring-turned spindles, and a simple crest rail. It is painted maroon, with gold stringing, and stands 18 1/8" high. (Donation—Robert Dickersheid)

Quilt top, "crazy quilt" pattern, approximately 71" x 71". The quilt top is composed of 25 square blocks made up of irregularly shaped patches, primarily of silk fabrics in a variety of weaves. The mixed solid and print patches are edged with featherstitching and similar stitching in assorted colors of silk thread; the stitching varies from block to block and is further enhanced with embroidery on the block at the lower right corner. The central patch of the center block is embroidered "MBW / 1903," with floral embellishments. There is a backing of mixed, pieced cotton fabrics. Made by Minora (Bear) Weidman of Weidmanville, a daughter of John and Hester Bear of Upper Leacock Township and the wife of Martin Ward Weidman. (Donation—Joan M. Lynch)

14k gold thimble, size 10, which belonged to Minora (Bear) Weidman; engraved "Minnie." (Donation—Joan M. Lynch)

Three 14k gold stickpins which belonged to Minora (Bear) Weidman, all approximately 2 1/4" - 2 1/2" long. One has a gold-colored tear-shaped head; one has a scrolling filigree head set with a small pearl; and the third had a filigree head set with a small pearl and a faceted green stone. (Donation—Joan M. Lynch)

Aluminum wall plaque installed in the newly-erected Reinholds Elementary School (Cocalico Union School District) in 1959; the 30 1/8" x 38 1/8" plaque has a textured, cream-painted central ground, a raised, unpainted 3/4" deep border, and raised, unpainted lettering. The legend lists the members and executives of the Cocalico Union School Board, the supervising principal of
schools, the school’s architectural firm, and the general, heating, plumbing and sewage, electrical, and kitchen equipment contractors. (Donation—Harold Moyer)

Metal Ephrata Borough street signs (since replaced) with applied reflective lettering, as follows: Michael Court; South Reading Road; South State Street; West Main Street. (Donation—James A. Tshudy)

1884 lithographic print titled "Let Us Forgive, But Not Forget"; published by Shober and Carqueville, Chicago. The print depicts sketches from Andersonville (Camp Sumter) Prison, Andersonville, Georgia; the drawings, border vignettes surrounding a large central scene, were created by Union prisoner Felix LaBaume. The print is in a flat hardwood frame, 25” x 33 1/2”, with a narrow gold-painted plaster fillet; the print itself measures approximately 19” x 27 1/2”. It has recently been rebacked. (Donation—Dr. Henry and Kristin Fortna)

Elaborate International Order of Odd Fellows parade banner, hand-painted silk overlaid with embroidered, fringed, tasseled crimson plush, from Cocalico Lodge No. 408, Reamstown. The banner, painted with a fanciful landscape and numerous other design elements, hangs from 12 brass rings on a brass rod, suspended by chains from a wooden pole; the pole is capped with a gold-painted metal eagle. The banner itself, excluding the pole, rod, and pendant tassels, measures approximately 35” x 50”. (Purchase)

Silkscreened china commemorative plate, 32nd annual Lancaster County Firemen's Convention, Ephrata, June 3, 1972. (Donation—Evangelical Theological Seminary, Myerstown)

Unused "Bingeman's Store" advertising pencil: "Bingeman's Store / Our 35th Year / Hopeland, Pa." (Donation—Harold Bingeman)

Enameled metal pin-back commemorative button produced for the dedication of the Schoeneck War Memorial. (Donation—Schoeneck Veterans Memorial Association)

Red-and-white printed plastic "FleetAir" Shoe Company bag, Ephrata. (Donation—Brenda Wangman)


Miscellaneous Print and Digital Acquisitions:

Compact disc containing a complete listing of all known burials in the Muddy Creek Cemetery, East Cocalico Township; the list includes plot-holders who are not yet interred and available, unsold plots. Names are keyed to a map organized by blocks and rows, and the location of each burial is specified. The data accompanying the names is not a complete transcription of tombstone data; years of births and deaths are given, but not months and days. There are two folders, one alphabetical and the other organized by location. (Donation—Muddy Creek Cemetery Board)

Issues of "Forney's War Press," all apparently originally received by Jacob W. Leber of Ephrata, as follows: February 8, April 5, April 12, and September 6, 1862. (Donation—Dale E. Leber)
Program for the dedication of the Schoeneck Area Veterans Memorial, held at the Schoeneck Park after the re-location of the memorial, Memorial Day, May 30, 2011. (Donation—Schoeneck Veterans Memorial Association)


Programs for Ephrata Star Playhouse performances, 1964, total of five.
Programs for Ephrata Star Playhouse performances, 1965, total of six.
Programs for Ephrata Star Playhouse performances, 1966, total of eight; for 1967, total of six; and for 1968, total of three.
Programs for Ephrata Star Playhouse performances, 1969, total of six; for 1970, total of six; for 1971, total of five; for 1972 (1); and for 1973 (1). (Donation—Violet G. McCauley)

Article from The Philadelphia Inquirer's "Today" supplement, March 4, 1962; describes Hattie Brunner of Reinholds and her paintings. (Donation—Barbara Fichthorn)

Printed Academy School (Ephrata Township) souvenir, 1910, listing the names of teacher Annie M. Mohler, the pupils, and the members of the school board. (Donation—Alberta Rogers)

Printed Academy School (Ephrata Township) souvenir, 1920-21, listing the names of teacher Annie M. Mohler, the pupils, and the members of the school board. (Donation—Alberta Rogers)

Printed Middle Creek School (Ephrata Township) souvenir, 1907, listing the names of the teacher and pupils and the members of the school board; includes a mounted oval portrait of the teacher, Annie M. Mohler. (Donation—Alberta Rogers)

Air raid warning card posting rules to be observed during alerts; published for the guests of Camp Silver Belle by the resort’s management, early 1940’s. (Donation—Dr. Henry and Kristin Fortna)


Invitation to the wedding of Mary Grace Kratz and John Landis Kraft, married February 19, 1956 in the Cloister Saal. The invitation was hand-printed by Harry F. Stauffer. (Donation—John L. Kraft)

Commemorative cover, Adamstown Bicentennial, 1961, with cache and postmark. (Donation—Gladys Albright Horvath)

Program for the 1953 spring recital of the students of musical instructor Theodore R. Sprecher of Ephrata, May 9. (Donation—Gladys Albright Horvath)

Program, Bollman Companies Employees' Picnic, Adamstown, August 8, 1953. (Donation—Gladys Albright Horvath)
CONTENTS OF BERGSTARRASSE 1961 ADDITION CORNERSTONE TIME CAPSULE, OPENED AUGUST 27:

Dedication programs (5 copies), Bergstrasse addition dedication and cornerstone ceremony, October 14, 1961.

Note reading “Sealed / Nov 2-1961 / By Harry Barr Sr / 128 Washington Ave / Ephrata Pa.”

List of sub-contractors performing work or supplying materials for the 1961 addition.

List of the second-grade pupils of Rebecca K. McHolland, 1960-1961; photograph of Rebecca McHolland.
List of the third-grade pupils of Mae Redcay (deceased during the school year), 1960-1961.

List of the first-grade pupils of Martha E. Hurst, 1961-1962.
List of the second-grade pupils of Shirley E. Grill, 1961-1962.
List (student signatures) of the third-grade pupils of Sara Hunt, 1961-1962.
List (student signatures) of the third-grade pupils of Mary Ann Schonour, 1961-1962.
List (student signatures) of the fourth/fifth pupils of May Stohler, 1961-1962.
List (student signatures) of the fourth-grade pupils of Doris Von Nieda, 1961-1962.
List (student signatures) of the fifth-grade pupils of Anna Snader, 1961-1962.
List (student signatures) of the sixth-grade pupils of Gertrude Morrow, 1961-1962.
List of the sixth-grade pupils of John Mink, 1961-1962.

Copy of PA Act 404, pertaining to school health services; signed by school nurse E.M. Youndt, deceased during the school year, and by her replacement Dorothy E. Sammet.

Brief description of the 1960-1961 music program at Bergstrasse, headed by Alda Kohl.
Brief description of the 1960-1961 art instruction program at Bergstrasse, headed by Nancy Cummings.

1960-1961 schedule, Bergstrasse-Bethany P.T.A.

1-page history of the Bethany Elementary School, by Eugene Nolt.

Printed agreement of lease between the Ephrata Union School Authority and the Ephrata Union School District, May, 1960.

Printed trust indenture between the Ephrata Union School Authority and the Berks County Trust Company, May, 1960.
List of the directors of the Ephrata Union School District “at time of Planning.”


8” x 10” photograph of the Bergstrasse Elementary School, 1952.

Notice to parents concerning the Bergstrasse hot lunch program, 1961.

Typed history of the Bergstrasse hot lunch program.

8” x 10” photograph of Dorothy Royer, Edith Miller and Rena Spotts in the Bergstrasse kitchen, autumn, 1962; supplemental pictures of kitchen helpers Jane Dornes and Mrs. Harry Bixler.

8” x 10” photograph of hot lunch program staff members Mrs. Levi Wise, Mrs. Myra Kennel, Mrs. Fred Wolf, Mrs. Gehman Miller, Mrs. Carl (Edith) Miller, and Mrs. Raymond Good, 1956-1957.

Photographs (wallet-sized, etc.) of hot lunch program staff members Mrs. Raymond Good, Mrs. David (Sara) Musselman, Mrs. Raymond Roden, Mrs. Earl Hagy, Mrs. Fred Wolf, and Mrs. Gehman Miller, September 1961. Similar photographs of Mrs. Levi Andes, Mrs. James Mertz and Mrs. Richard Dornes.

5” x 7” photograph of hot lunch program staff members Mrs. Edna Godshall, Mrs. Jacob Gockley, Mrs. Carl (Edith) Miller, Mrs. David (Sara) Musselman, and Mrs. James Mertz, 1954-1955.

8” x 10” photograph of Sara Musselman serving lunch to Elta Sensenig’s fourth graders, February, 1953.

8” x 10” photograph of Bergstrasse pupils eating lunch, February, 1953.